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28. (new) A method for avoiding the application of a twisting torque, in a plane of radial cross section, to annular reinforcing cores in a tyre for vehicle wheels, the annular reinforcing cores comprising a series of spirals of metal wire radially superimposed and axially arranged alongside each other, the tyre comprising a torus-shaped carcass having a reinforcing structure comprising at least one ply of rubberized fabric reinforced with metal cords lying in radial planes containing an axis of rotation of the tyre, the reinforcing structure having ends secured to the annular reinforcing cores and a neutral profile, lying in a radial cross-sectional plane, axially extending from bead to bead, the method comprising the steps of:

avoiding the presence of inflection points along an extension of the neutral profile of the reinforcing structure; and

causing the neutral profile to intersect a cross section of a zone enclosing the annular reinforcing cores.

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment together with a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

In this Amendment, Applicant adds section headings, section subheadings, and an Abstract of the Disclosure to conform to U.S. practice. Additionally, Applicant adds claims to the right of priority and benefit. Further, Applicant cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-15, and add new claims 16-28, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity. The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of new claims 16-28. No new matter was introduced.

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